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Moving Spotlight

A ROMAN CATHOLIC priest who had given his sympathy and leadership to a left-wing political party in Italy was ex-communicated recently by the Archbishop of Milan. It is known that in Italy, France and Latin America there are groups of young priests who, in their loyalty to the church, feel that the Holy Mother must go with her sons who are now manning the swing to the left in the ranks of labor. The hierarchy however seldom gives any recognition to this trend and often excommunicates those involved.

IN THE U. S. there is a strong socialist-pacifist Catholic worker movement with a monthly publication called "The Catholic Worker". This movement is headed by Dorothy Day, a woman of great spiritual capacities. Her monthly publication is a beautifully edited and spiritually challenging periodical. The work of Miss Day and her associate, the Catholic poet and mystic, Peter Maurin, is based on a program of voluntary poverty and devotion of life and talents to the salvation of the unfortunate through rural rehabilitation and the promotion of a pacifist life of absolute love. There are few movements in Protestantism that match it for scope, oneness of spirit and a consistently high spiritual challenge. Strange to say, this Catholic Worker program, though nation-wide in a fragile sort of way, is not even known in the average bingo playing Catholic parish.

ONLY SEVENTEEN of the 640 members of the British House of Commons are Roman Catholics. In Prime Minister Attlee's cabinet there are no Roman Catholics. The British Labor Government is decidedly Protestant, not by religious choice particularly but because the Tory-Churchill party has had and still maintains a close collaboration with the Vatican as a basis of European policy.

A historian has called our attention to the fact that the N. Y.

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APPEALING FOR UNITY through Gandhi's death, the Russian Doukhobors of British Columbia sent the following cable to Prime Minister Nehru of India: "We Doukhobors understand that Gandhi's murder is not the guilt of one Godse (Gandhi's assassin), but all who relied for thousands of years on force, guns and the killing of righteous and noble souls. Gandhi's death is a tremendous warning to mankind; either it has to accept his ideals and his predecessors: Peter Lordly Verigin, Tolstoy, George Fox, Christ, Isaiah, Buddha, etc., or perish from atomic bombs. We share sympathy with others in Gandhi's death, but sympathy alone solves no problems; only full acceptance of Gandhi's principles will bring salvation to all. We call on all Gandhists, Doukhobors, Quakers, Tolstoyans, Molokans, Mennonites and all anti-militaristic groups. It is time to unite our forces and call on mankind to repent."

X-Ray and Forecast

DECEPTIVE DIPLOMACY. Although the country at large has heard far too little about it — for much effort was made to suppress the news — it is now an accepted fact that this country did receive peace overtures from Russia a few weeks ago. Russian spokesmen conveyed the information to our Government that Stalin was desirous of a conference with President Truman. This was before Czechoslovakia fell into complete Communistic control. Moscow proposed among other things that the conference be held on neutral ground, such as Trieste or Scandinavia, since Truman had earlier declared he would not go to Russia.

The first thing this Government did was to suppress the news that the bid from Stalin had come! For some reason, the American public was not to know that the Russians had held a hand out toward us. Then the State Dept. and the White House decided to give Moscow a flat and emphatic "No." Since it is understood that Stalin's appeal was directly to Truman, the Kremlin no doubt accepted the answer as a firm rebuff. A short time after this, Stalin took over Czechoslovakia and turned the heat on further in Finland, Austria and Italy. America was powerless to save Czechoslovakia and would be just as powerless to help Finland, Austria, or even Italy.

GAMBLE. The Soviet leaders themselves are hard, materialistic products of violent revolution; their techniques are filled with armed force, brutality and deception. Apparently our Government is determined to meet the Soviet on the same terms. We are gambling on the thesis that Russia is too poor, too impoverished to risk war; in turn, Russia is gambling that the American people are also tired of war and too absorbed with our own affairs to give adequate support for a military adventure to save somebody's "way of life" ten thousand miles away. So both governments are bluffing and gambling . . . but *gambling with the lives of millions.*

What is more, — the plain hard facts are that American leaders are being out-maneuvered and out-gambled on almost every front. The situation as related to Greece, the Near East and China has actually greatly deteriorated.

It seems logical that keen strategists or men of good deep common sense would have quietly welcomed the opportunity for a reapproachment to our relationship with Russia — with its possibility of reconciliation. But unfortunately our Government's policy is now almost entirely in the hands of military men, — with the typical, rigid, unimaginative type of thinking that characterizes the military mind.

So our military minded Government does not share the Christian doctrine of reconciliation. We are still operating, in our relationship

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Dangerous

One of the most dangerous situations in our economic scene is gradually gathering weight in the thousands upon thousands of cases where veterans have been swindled in the purchasing of homes. While the National Real Estate organization, through their powerful Washington lobbies, have fought every measure to provide low cost housing for veterans, thousands of construction and mortgage companies, operating behind the smoke screen created by the Real Estate lobbies, have rooked, robbed and swindled countless ex-service men. Justice Department officials are convinced that if depression comes these throngs of veterans (26,000 complaints have already been filed) will be bitter and disillusioned with the American capitalistic system and will provide a fertile ground for the rousements of a demagogue. Hence the Justice Department, through the FBI, is now starting a nation-wide campaign to apprehend and round up thousands of the cases where veterans have been cheated. Two complaints are being heard most frequently:- that the cost of the home purchased exceeded the amount set by the Federal Housing Authority when it granted a veteran's priority for the job; — and that the houses fell below specifications. Thousands of so-called contractors, builders and loan companies are involved in these complaints, and, while very little is being said about it in the press or over the air, it is becoming an increasingly hot issue behind the scenes ... an issue that will not reach full flame until we come to the days of economic testing which unquestionably lie ahead.

Court Decision

A most significant Federal court decision was made recently in Chicago awarding a former auto dealer the huge sum of $1,236,000 damages against General Motors Corp. The car dealer, Fred Emich of Chicago, charged that

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Times on June 21, 1946, published a report of the fact that Hitler was warned of the American invasion of Africa from Vatican sources. Said the Times, "Adolf Hitler was warned in August, 1942 through sources originating in the Vatican of the Allies' North African plans, according to evidence read before the examining magistrates in the case of Otto Abetz, former Nazi diplomat in Paris." The report continued to state that in letters written to Hitler by Abetz there was one note that warned the Nazi leader that he, Abetz, had received a tip, warning of the invasion, from Vatican spokesmen. The N. Y. Times buried this tiny report in its back pages and it was throughly surpressed elsewhere throughout the country. Of course, we couldn't expect headlines saying, "Vatican Tips Off Hitler of Yank Invasion". Yet the news report said just that!

Behind this is the suppressed historical fact of outright Vatican, Nazi and Fascist collaboration. Catholic evasion and suppression along with Protestant indifference have caused the world to forget that the Vatican made a concordat....a working agreement with Hitler in 1933,....and that the aggression of Mussolini began with his pact with the Pope signed in 1929. Tibor Koeves, in his biography of Franz von Papen, "Satan in a Top Hat", says "The Concordat was a great victory for Hitler. It gave him the first moral support he received from the outer world."

And it is well to remember that to this day the Vatican's Concordats with Hitler and Mussolini have neither been abrogated nor denied by the Vatican.

In spite of the continued atheism in the Communist party ranks and incidences of repressive measures against religion (especially in relation to Roman Catholicism), the Soviet Embassy bulletin recently announced that "There are more than 3,000 Baptist churches in the U. S. S. R.....Baptists form one of the country's largest religious communities. There is a Baptist presbyter in practically every region and district of the U. S. S. R. At the head of the community is the All-Union Baptist Council in Moscow. Sermons are published in the Baptist magazine, Bratski Vestnik, which is sold in every Soviet city."

New Year's greetings were exchanged between American and Russian Baptists. Hopes of peace and greater understanding were expressed in an exchange of Christmas and New Year greet-

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with Russia, on the philosophy of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. And that doctrine has been working steadily to our disadvantage.

We speak of ourselves as a Christian nation, and our various European relief projects, though often implemented in terms of self interest, are certainly in the category of Christian action. Hasn't the time come, since our "eye for an eye" has failed — to extend our Christian viewpoint to include our approach to Russia? Russia wanted to talk it over — we refused. We rudely closed the door on what may be our last hope for reconciliation.

There will not be peace until some strong nation can step out on the philosophy of the New Testament.

America is strong enough — but we are not Christian enough.

The Russians, like us, are frightened; they are convinced we are going to war against them. Great quantities of our guns have been sent to Greece, Turkey, China; our fleet crowds into the eastern Mediterranean. We grab all the oil of the Near East which is at Russia's doorstep and we have established American air bases among our oil fields within 30 minutes by bombing plane of Russian cities. They are convinced by these moves that we are going to war. They have countered by various similar maneuvers. Is our leadership so spiritually impoverished that no gestures or approaches can be designed except on these levels? We repeat:

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NO SURRENDER. This is not an endorsement of the Henry Wallace theory to surrender Europe to communism. It is an effort to reveal the fact that our resistance to Russian expansion, when limited to military levels, plays into the very hands of the men in Moscow. When we threaten Russia with our fleets and guns, the Russians say to Europe, "See, America wants to dominate all of us," and far too much of Europe believes them. And the Russian strategists, operating at close quarters, are able to out-maneuver us and out-punch us at every turn.

On the economic level, as necessary as the re-building of the European economy is, most of our Marshall dollars are *aimed to restore the reconstructed economy to the hands of the same old blind selfish aristocratic controls who brought on communism and fascism and who are the partners of our largest business interests in America.* Such a restoration, with its perpetuation of extreme wealth in the hands of the few and a great and widespread poverty among the masses, is not going to curb communism but, rather, will guarantee its inevitability in the future.

A CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE *is being maintained over this real destination of the Marshall dollars. Help Europe we must, but to what end and purpose we help Europe is of great importance.* In many of the small impoverished European nations, socialization with nationalization of industry and resources is the only way to break up the old controls and prevent a Communist revolution. *But one of the strongest tides sweeping through Washingon policies is to prevent Marshall dollars from aiding the "socialists", — the same socialists being the anti-Communists — the progressives in France, Italy, Greece and elsewhere* who are the only choice between the old feudal controls of the past and the new Communist tyrannies.

FUTURE. But since no reapproachment with Russia now seems likely, here is what we must watch for in the immediate future:

1. America will have to redouble our efforts in the "cold war" — with Russia.

2. We will be compelled now to conclude successfully our intervention in Greece and terminate Communist warfare to justify our show of strength in the refusal to negotiate with Stalin. We will have to be willing to throw in many more millions and quite possibly American manpower to do this. But it will have to be done soon. With Russia backing the Reds in Greece we are acually at war with Russia there. Our Government knows this and thus is compelled to face the fact that the Greek adventure must be pushed to a successful conclusion quickly — whatever it takes.

3. We will do all we can to aid the formation of a western European "democratic bloc" . . . to include England, Holland, Belgium, France, — and possibly Italy. To avoid openly making this an anti-Soviet bloc the U. S. will probably not actually participate in this western alliance, but we are already secretly doing everything in our power to promote its interests and to develop governments in France and Italy that will unite with such an alliance.

4. Because our Palestine policy has been such a cross-eyed mixture of keeping one eye on the Jewish vote at home and the other on

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ings between Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Rev. Jacob Zhidkov, president, and the Rev. Alexander Karev, secretary, of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians and Soviet Baptists.

PROBLEMS IN ITALY. Reports continue to come from Italy regarding the plight of Protestants there. For even American relief is handed out by the priests and they invariably hand it out to those who vote the Christian Democratic (Catholic) ticket. The Communists, needless to say, make much of the fact that a priest stands between the relief shipments and the hungry mouths, deciding which mouths are to be fed.

The Roman Catholic Church also controls high finance in Italy, often using illegal and unscrupulous methods. Donald Downes, reporting in The Nation, told of an Italian businessman who needed $400,000 to buy a great bargain in left-over PX supplies just before our Army left Italy last fall. He got it through financial circles in the Catholic Church — at a price about forty points above the current black-market rate! It is well known, of course, that the church moves a lot of its American income to Italy to pay current expenses, political and general.

"Like many before him," relates Mr. Downes, "he went to a certain monsignor and plunked down the lire that he and his Italian friends had got together. His dollars were deposited in New York, a thing which could not possibly go on without the knowledge of American Catholic hierarchy."

The Communists know all about such dealings and make propaganda of them. Mr. Downes reports that the Marshall plan so far in Italy has done little but support the same old Italian set ups that created and supported Mussolini. He says that, if Truman and Marshall really want to check Italian communism, they should propose a few changes in Italy, such as: TAX REFORMS, enforced so that the rich (who now don't pay taxes) and the poor (who now do pay taxes) will both share the load; LAND REFORMS, whereby the peasant of southern Italy can graduate from a hole in the ground (actually) to a hut; SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE that will keep the church out of politics as required in every democracy in the world; BREAK UP OF THE MONOPOLIES that now control Italian industry and still watch for their first opportunity to restore the fascism they created in the first place; SUPERVISION OF AMERICAN FOOD

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DISTRIBUTION in Italy so that the food goes to the Italian masses and not to the rich who now buy it on the black market; A CLEAN-UP of the Italian Army and Navy which are still in control of generals and admirals who faithfully served fascism.

POLICE OFFICIALS quickly deny that the police in America use torture methods, but a Chicago janitor, Hector Verburgh, an elderly man of 67, received an award of $20,000 in a Federal court suit against Chicago policemen who tortured and beat him during questioning concerning the Degnan murder case. How different are American police methods from those of Russia? One glorious difference is that a man can finally get justice in America—sometimes.

N. Y. NEWSMAN Drew Middleton, who served as a correspondent in Russia after the war, has reported that in Russian Army ranks and among Soviet officials anti-semitism has been mounting since the war,—with an increasing exclusion of Jews from all public life. At the present time the only Jew on the Politburo is Vice-Premier Lazar Kaganovich.

RUSSIAN CASH. In spite of all the tense diplomatic relations, Russia spent more cash—over 100 million dollars—last year to buy U. S. goods than ever before in the history of trade between the two countries. More proof of the fact that if the common people—ordinary businessmen and such — could be left alone, normal life and trade would soon be restored. The records of history are becoming more and more convincing that the diplomats and militarists, few of whom have ever been business men and tradesmen, do not know how to make peace—*they know only how to make war.*

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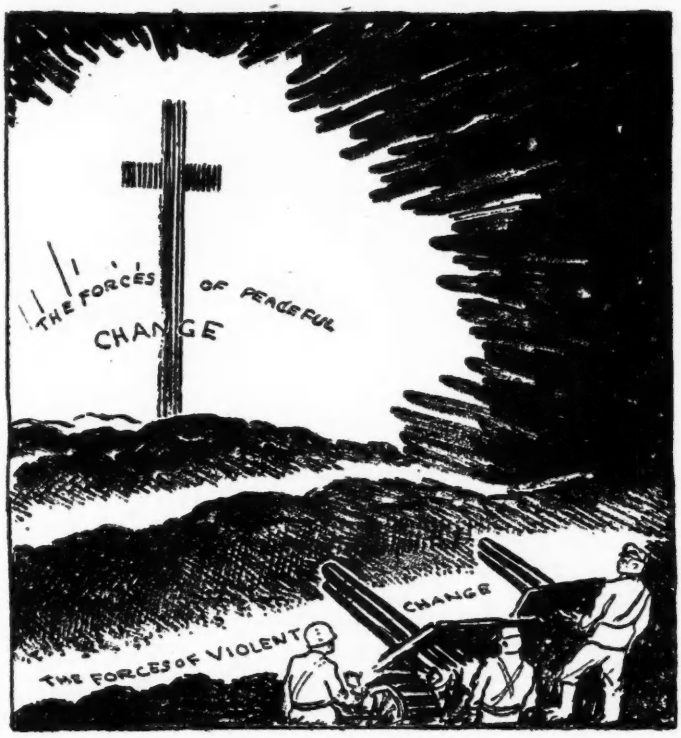
after years of profitable operation of a Chevrolet agency General Motors cancelled his contract arbitrarily and ruined his business built up through the years,—because he refused to use the General Motors Acceptance Corp. (a G. M. subsidiary) for the financing of his sales. The civil trial lasted over four months although news of it was quite generally suppressed due to the tremendous advertising pressure General Motors holds over news channels. "Fifteen thousand dealers were praying for me," Emich said after the verdict. This is again an example of what too many BIG capitalists mean by "free enterprise".....the right to squeeze the little fellow at the bottom.

THEY CAN'T FIGHT LIGHT



Very few are so blind as not to recognize that the world is changing, — that the very character of our age is change. Any such who may remain in our political or economic life are a greater menace than anything beyond our shores. It is the KIND of change that the world is to experience which is the paramount question of the hour. Is it to be change by violence, by class strife, by brutality and suppression? Or change by a deepening of man's moral conscience, by a greater understanding of man's relationship to his brother, — all taught and demonstrated with such consummate power through the life and teachings of Jesus? Man everywhere longs for this peaceful change and abhors transformation by violence. The real way to prevent change by violence is not by creating more violence — which is the insane way of war, — but by extending through the world the spiritual truth that brings deep and abiding change, which in turn prevents the expansion of the philosophies of change by violence. Let the light spread . . . men simply can't fight light!

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Arabian oil . . . we have been chiefly instrumental in creating another UN failure. Considerable bitterness exists abroad against the U. S. for this selfish, destructive policy. But because of the tremendous pressure the great oil companies continue to keep on our foreign policies, we will have to continue this miserable farce of holding up empty words of hope to miserable Jewish sufferers by our political endorsement of Zionism and partition, while we openly arm and assist the Arab nations to resist the Zionists which in itself means that the partition as a lawful act of the UN cannot be accomplished.

5. We will also have to face the real threat of Italy's going Communist. It is feared that the next big move of the Russians will be to gain control of Austria and thrust the arm of Soviet domination down through Italy. All reports from Italy are filled with foreboding concerning events this coming month of April. If Italy should come under Communist control the whole American-British foreign policy program will be caught dreadfully off balance; the entire Near East American adventures will be outflanked and Russian power brought within striking distance of North Africa. War hysteria in America will rise to new and dangerous heights . . . so watch events in Italy during immediate weeks ahead. Pray that the Communists are soundly defeated in the Italian elections next month.

AT HOME. In this country things are shaping up for a good old fashioned rip-roaring political campaign such as we have not seen for many a generation. For years the Republican party has had no ideas, no

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Racial Understanding

It is possible *to do* something about making a Christian world. Thurman Arnold, former U. S. attorney general, had signed his check for his initiation and membership fee at a golf-club, when he saw on a document on the desk the fatal words, "Gentiles only." He asked, "Is that statement correct?" The reply was "Yes, sir." Mr. Arnold tore up his check, and walked out.

The Truman Committee on Civil Rights, which included two Negro members, recently went for lunch to the main dining room of one of the city's most exclusive hotels. "A table for my party of fifteen," was the request of a white member of the group. Though the head waiter looked appalled at the two Negro members of the party, he dared not defy some of the other members of the party who happened to be powerful figures in Washington. So the group were seated.

And when the librarians held their national convention in the Adirondacks, the hotel where reservations were made for the convention reported to one Jewish delegate that there was no room for her. So the entire convention cancelled their reservations and moved to another hotel. And when the convention was held in Richmond and a negro delegate was not permitted in the dining room the other delegates also ate elsewhere.

A NEW AND BETTER WAY of solving the problems of racial restrictive covenants in residential districts is being tried out in Chicago. A large property-owners association in Chicago has recently announced a new community conservation agreement, worked out after a year of study and consultation between representatives of the association, who were white, and members of leading Negro organizations, meeting under the auspices of the Chicago Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, and the Metropolitan Housing Council.

This agreement pledged all owners to maintain their properties in accordance with certain minimum standards, limits the number of persons who may occupy a given room area, defines the minimum rentable accommodations which may be offered upon conversion into smaller units. The aim is to make each owner responsible to the community for proper maintenance of his property and to give each owner a means of enforcing this responsibility. When this agreement was adapted, the association withdrew further enforcement of racial restrictions.

JACKIE ROBINSON, famed Negro ball player (Brooklyn Dodgers), has some strong ideas on

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race discrimination. One day recently when he was expecting Harold Parrott, secretary of the Brooklyn Dodgers, to call with some camera men, he instructed the clerk at his Harlem hotel to show his guests up as soon as they came in. The clerk asked immediately, "Are they white or Negro?" "White," Jackie replied. Then with arch pride in his voice, the clerk retorted, "We don't allow white folks in this hotel."

Jackie packed his duds and checked out. He wanted no part of racial prejudice—either way.

Behind the Iron Curtain

You hear constant reports concerning American relief activities in Western Europe and along with these reports is the continual reiteration of the impossibility of doing anything behind the iron curtain. It is frequently said that we can no longer create good will for America among the people of the Soviet zones because of the absolute domination of Communist interests. In our last two issues we have given detailed reports of the work of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) who *are* working behind the iron curtain and creating good will for America by their thorough, efficient rehabilitation services carried on *with the full knowledge and consent* of the Soviet occupation forces. The philosophy underlying our whole foreign policy is that we can't do business with Russia, — they won't co-operate — they only understand brute force. But the Quakers are demonstrating that there is another way to approach Russia — the irresistable force of faith and good will. A Quaker relief worker in Hungary reports to the American Friends Service Committee that living in Hungary is very difficult. "We asked a 50-year old school teacher how far his salary of 350 forints a month went. 'With 11 children and a wife to clothe and feed,' he replied, 'it isn't very much — about $2.50 for each of us each month.' The director of the school earned the equivalent of $35 a month, and the director of the world-famous biological research institution whom we met earned 500 forints, or about $45. Out of this he had to purchase literature necessary for his profession, maintain his home and family. 'Last year,' he said, 'we managed to have enough to eat, but had nothing left to buy clothes.' He was wearing a faded blue sports shirt, a clean but slightly tattered pair of gray tweed trousers and tennis shoes which were breaking at the toes.

"We weighed out a kilo of pota-

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plan, nothing to offer but names and rather blank faces that simply could not stand up to the smooth working powerful New Deal machine — sparked by the most astute political strategists of many generations. But today the Republicans have at least some ideas, a few plans and one or two attractive personalities to offer. The New Deal is dying in child birth, — the birth of the most irreconcilable triplets imaginable ...old south toryism, big city radicalism and "I'm-going-to-be-everything-to-everybody-Trumanism."

This election is probably the best thing that could happen for America and the world...no matter who wins. For with three-fourths of the world in a straight jacket of one party totalitarian controls . . . and NOT ONLY IN RUSSIAN TERRITORIES but in such countries *as Spain, Argentina and other areas where the Roman Catholic church is still completely dominant,* . . . men need to see what it means *for the people to be able to choose.* That is what democracy really stands for . . . *not just "the capitalistic way of life" but the right of the people to choose whatever way of life they want . . . that is the true legal meaning of democracy.*

ISSUES. On the other hand, as far as real issues are concerned, it is very unlikely that this election will have much far-reaching significance. The boom will still be on in considerable measure next November. Unemployment will not have become a factor; there will still be plenty of money. So if Harry Truman can't reconstruct his political structure after its near collapse in the past few weeks, the Republicans will be coming into power. But in spite of the hullabaloo, it won't mean *much for the people will be voting for names, men, slogans, and not deciding any basic issues that will deeply affect our economic systems and patterns of life.* THE REAL DECISIONS WILL COME IN 1952.

Henry Wallace is the only candidate who is really thinking about 1952, when some real issues will be up. The American press and radio are so busy smearing Wallace because of his threat to the present economic status quo, that the American public is missing the whole meaning of the Wallace campaign. Wallace is not nearly as dumb as you have been led to believe. He knows that, as long as everybody has full stomachs and full pockets, these are no *real, vital issues* in this campaign. It's a case of which party can run the present set-up best and keep everybody happy and prosperous. But by 1952 it will be different. There will very likely be considerable unemployment, perhaps many empty stomachs and a great deal of fear, bitterness and frustration. Wallace is spending these months establishing himself as the friend of the little people, — the Negroes, the share-croppers, the lowest class workers, — the American proletariat, — and he will be the man who issued the warning concerning the future. *There will be real issues in* 1952 *and Wallace is getting ready for them.*

Also it is well to remember that the Truman policy planners are not through — are not washed up yet. The present Republican cocksureness can prove to be a snare. We believe it is evident that the military-dominated, Truman foreign policy program has been a patchwork of unfortunate improvisations on a military level. But there is still time for the Democrats to accomplish three things. — first, issue new statements through new voices on the domestic racial issue that will again unite the south behind the administration; — second, negotiate a reapproachment with Henry Wallace, who may yet, after establishing the objectives outlined above, throw the weight of his following behind the Democratic party as the only practical way to achieve some measure of progress along the lines of Wallace liberalism; — and then, third, achieve new support through a war scare, for the very drift of failure of the Truman military-dominated foreign policy might lead by late summer to such a threat of war with Russia that the whole country will be stirred and united behind whoever holds the flag against the enemy . . . this would be dangerous strategy, — but it has been done before — in America.

KEEPING AHEAD. Now that Gandhi is dead, who will be the next greatest world citizen? Do you have your eyes on him? Do you know about his life? Comparatively few do, — yet for years he has been recognized in the world's leading intellectual circles as the greatest living genius. His powers and genius will soon be breaking on the world in ever widening recognition. He is Dr. Albert Schweitzer, great musician, great philosopher, engineer-inventor, surgeon, theologian and missionary . . . all six great careers in one man of tremendous intellect, energy and spiritual passion. You should have his life story in your library . . . it will bring you endless courage, strength and hope. The book, "Albert Schweitzer, The Man and His Mind" (Harper & Bros.) by George Seaver, is available to our readers. Send us $3.75 and we will secure it for you and send it postpaid.

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toes recently — a month's ration for an individual — and found that it included seven medium sized potatoes and two small ones. In other words, a person could have one potato every three and a half days. And there is nothing to replace the potatoes, for tomatoes, kohlrabi, peppers and cauliflower are rapidly going off the market. Only beets, turnips and cabbage are left for general use.

"The milk supply is a third to a half of its pre-war level. Although the number of cows has increased within the last two years, they are poor and scrawny beasts, often used for draft purposes, often slaughtered because there is no feed for them. Around Budapest only expectant mothers and children up to six years of age receive milk. Less than a fourth of the children of the whole country between three and twelve years of age drink milk at all. Many go to school without breakfast.

"Clothing prices are also steadily rising, so that about 75 per cent of the people are unable to replace their worn-out clothing and shoes. A social welfare worker told us that 50 to 60 per cent of the school children are unable to attend school for lack of adequate garments. In many homes, coats, trousers and shoes are worn by father and older brother on the night shift and donned by younger brothers to wear to school."

German Education

"Billions for war and pennies for the tasks of peace", this continues to be the pattern of American judgement. When the American forces first occupied Germany it was widely accepted that the re-education of German youth was the uppermost responsibility of the American government. But Congress, quick to vote vast sums for war, has failed to support this re-educational program. The appropriation provided by Congress has been only $500,000 annually — only a small part of that asked by the educators entrusted with this all-important task, — in contrast to the hundreds of millions spent on the armies of occupation. These educational funds provide for only 50 American educators to look after the work of 26,000 teachers and three million pupils! As a result the program for the re-education of the German youth is failing dangerously. Fred M. Hechinger, educational official of the Military Government in Germany, reports in "Military Government Journal" that German nationalism is again taking over the schools of Germany, and the day is not far distant when the leading Nazis will be remembered as heroes instead of criminals.